(c) whether the Government propose to bring about any amendment to the wild life preservation Act so as to exclude the wild pig from the purview in view of the extensive damage being caused by them?

THE MNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Reports about standing crops being damaged by wild pigs in Andhra Pradesh and other areas are received from time to time.

(b) Figures regarding the extent of damage to crops exclusively by wild pigs are not maintained.

(c) There is no proposal to exclude wild pigs from the purview of wild life (Protection) Act, wild pigs are in Schedule III of the Act. State Government have the power to declare, either in the whole State or in particular area, any animal other than those in Schedule II and part II of Schedule II as vermin I.E. harmful to standing crops. The vermins can be hunted without any restriction.

Creation of Posts for Teaching Staff for A&N Island

6200. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received several proposals from Union Territory of A&N Island regarding creation of posts of teaching staff and for improvement of education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS(SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) & (b). Government have received a proposal from A&N Islands for creation of 18 posts of lecturer for degree college, port Blair.The existing staff strength of this college is 55. Government had earlier sanctioned 14 posts of lecturer for this college in January, 1989. The proposal of the UT Administration for creation of 18 posts of lecturer has not been approved for want of sufficient justification.

Recruitments and Promotions to SCs/ ST's in Anganwadi

6201. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether reservation rules in favour of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not followed in recruitment and promotion to the various categories of staff engaged in Anganwadis in the country being run under Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) to (c). The Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Under the Scheme, various categories of staff are engaged namely Project Officer, Child Development Project Officer, Assistant/ Additional Child Development Project Officer, Supervisor (Mukhya Sevika) and other Ministerial Staff. These personnel are recruited by the State Governments on regular basis and their promotions etc. are governed by

the recruitment rules framed by the respective Governments and Union Territory Administrations. In addition, at anganwadi level, there are two functionaries. namely, anganwadi workers and helpers. These are part-time honorary and voluntary workers taken from the the local community. As such, they are not Government employees. As per our guidelines, the anganawadi worker should be a women between 18-44 years and belongs to the local community. The selection of these functionaries is also entirely in the hands of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. According to our guidelines special care is to be taken in her selection so that children of SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society are ensured free access to anganwadi. The ICDS projects are mostly located in the areas predominantly inhabited by SC & ST population.

Navodaya Vidyalaya, Palakkad

6202. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Navodaya Vidyalaya in palakkad has been set up at the same place as was approved by the Union Government;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Vidyalaya has all infrastructural facilities including permanent building;and

(d) whether the Vidyalaya has since started functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas is based on the proposal of State/UT Government concerned which have to provide 30 acres of suitable land, free of cost, sufficient buildings and other infrastructure initially for 2-3 years to run the Vidyalaya. In accordance, with the original proposal received from the State Government the permanent site of the Vidyalaya was at Agali in Palakkad (Palghat) District and the infrastructure for the temporary functioning of the Vidyalaya was provided at Malampuzha. The report of the inspection team and that of the District Magistrate Palakkad (Palghat) revealed that the land earlier proposed by the State Government at Agali was not suitable for the Vidyalaya. Consequently 20 acres of Land were provided at Malampuzha (where the Vidyalaya is temporarily located) instead of at Agali. The permanent building of the Vidyalaya is now under construction at Malampuzha

(c) The Vidyalaya is at present functioning in temporary buildings at the site given by the State Government. Additional semi-permanent building has been constructed by the Samiti and there are adequate facilities.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Research Institute for Preserving Ancient Books of Arabic And Persian

6203. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research institutes set up for preserving and conducting research work on the ancient books of Arabic and Persian;

(b) whether such a research institute is functioning in Tonk, Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government propose to take assistance from Arabian countries in